

APR 03 2006

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/944,694 Confirmation No.: 2124  
Applicant(s): Matthew Gast  
Filed: August 31, 2001  
Art Unit: 2135  
Examiner: Leynna A. Ha  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACCELERATING  
CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY SECURED TRANSACTIONS

Docket No.: 042933/294057  
Customer No.: 00826

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated November 1, 2005, rejecting the following Claims 1 - 18.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity Status.
- ☐ A check is enclosed.  
(\$500.00 for large entity fee or \$250.00 if small entity status)
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the Notice of Appeal Filing Fee (\$500.00).
- ☒ Any additional fee or refund may be charged to our  
Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- ☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew T. Spence  
Registration No. 45,699

Customer No. 00826  
ALSTON & BIRD LLP  
Bank of America Plaza  
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000  
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000  
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000  
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

In re: Matthew Gast  
Appl. No.: 09/944,694  
Filing Date: August 31, 2001  
Page 2

## CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office  
at Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on the date shown below.

Sarah B. Simmons  
Sarah B. Simmons

April 5, 2006  
Date

CLT01/4809105v1